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In re Application of : Ernesto Dossena et al.  
International Application No. : PCT/US2004/043146  
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Title : Granite Slabs Cut With Frame Saw Employing Blades  
With Diamond-Containing Segments And Method  
Of Cutting Thereof  
Group Art Unit : Not Yet Assigned  
Examiner : Not Yet Assigned

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to the first Office Action in the above-referenced application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Please amend the paragraph number 0001 page 1 as follows:

RELATED APPLICATIONS AND CLAIM OF PRIORITY

This application is the U.S. National Phase of International Application No. PCT/US2004/043146, filed December 22, 2004, which claims priority to U.S. Application No. 10/744,690, filed December 23, 2003, herein incorporated by reference in its entirety, which is a continuation-in-part of both U.S. Patent Application No. 10/014,547, filed on December 14, 2001 and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/731,066, filed on December 9, 2003.